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1. DURING LENGTHY CONVERSATION SEPTEMBER 17 POLITICAL DIRECTOR DUCCI TOOK CONSIDERABLE PAINS TO EXPLAIN HIS VIEW OF WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BY THE EC NINE THROUGH THE PROCESS WHICH CULMINATED IN THE SEPTEMBER 10 COPENHAGEN MEETING.

2. DUCCI HAS BEEN ACTIVE ALL SUMMER WITH HIS FELLOW POLITICAL DIRECTORS TRYING TO PULL TOGETHER A COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO THE KISSINGER INITIATIVE. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT HE HARBORS

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CERTAIN PATERNAL FEELINGS ABOUT THE RESULTS. DUCCI PRE-

FACED HIS COMMENTS BY SUGGESTING THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD  
CONSIDER NOT MERELY THE LANGUAGE OF THE COMMUNITY RESPONSE  
WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED SEPTEMBER 19 BUT ALSO APPRECIATE THE  
ACCOMPLISHMENT REPRESENTED BY MOVING FRANCE TO THE  
ACCEPTANCE OF THIS COMPROMISE.

3. NOTING THAT SINCE 1958 THE EUROPEANS HAVE BEEN  
TRYING TO DECIDE WHAT EUROPE SHOULD BE, THE LONG STERILE  
GAULIST PERIOD MAY FINALLY BE OVER AND, IN DUCCI'S VIEW, THIS  
IS PROGRESS OF A VERY REAL KIND. FOR THE FIRST TIME DUCCI BELIEVES  
THE FRENCH ARE NOW PREPARED TO CONSIDER THE DEVELOPMENT OF A  
REAL EUROPEAN PERSONALITY, OR AS THEY PUT IT, "IDENTITY". THE  
FRENCH PREVIOUSLY HAD BEEN PREPARED TO HAVE EUROPE "TAKE  
POSITIONS" VIS-A-VIS THE UNITED STATES BUT REFUSED TO ACCEPT A  
EUROPEAN POSITION VIS-A-VIS THE SOVIET UNION OR OTHER COUNTRIES.  
THIS THEY NOW SEEM PREPARED TO DO.

4. THE COMPROMISE AT COPENHAGEN WAS CHARACTERIZED AS  
"THIN" BUT THE ITALIANS ARE ANXIOUS THAT THIS EFFORT BE RECEIVED  
POSITIVELY IN ORDER NOT TO STOP (OR GREATLY DELAY) THE PROCESS OF  
CREATING POLITICAL EUROPE. IN A SENSE DUCCI WAS SAYING LET'S  
NOT FOCUS ON HOW FAR WE HAVE YET TO TRAVEL BUT LET'S FOCUS ON  
THE DISTANCE WE HAVE ALREADY COME. (AT THIS POINT HE  
EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE UNITED STATES STILL FAVORED A  
POLITICALLY UNIFIED WESTERN EUROPE IN THESE DAYS OF SUPER-  
POWER DIPLOMACY.)

5. WHILE MORO DOES NOT PLAN TO BE IN NEW YORK UNTIL  
SOMETIME IN OCTOBER (HE HAS A MEETING WITH THE JAPANESE  
FOREIGN MINISTER HERE NEXT WEEK AND MUST ACCOMPANY PRESIDENT  
LEONE TO FRANCE THE FIRST WEEK IN OCTOBER) DUCCI WILL BE  
AVAILABLE WITH OTHER POLITICAL DIRECTORS FOR ANY NECESSARY  
WORK ON A JOINT DECLARATION WHICH MAY RESULT FROM ANDERSON'S  
MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY IN NEW YORK NEXT WEEK.

6. IN DUCCI'S VIEW THE PROBLEMS PRESENTED MAY BE CONSIDERABLY MORE  
DIFFICULT THAN THE EC NINE DECLARATION. THE TOKYO GATT MEET-  
INGS WENT RATHER WELL AND THERE IS OPTIMISM ABOUT THE BANK AND  
FUND MEETING IN NAIROBI. ON THE OTHER HAND IN THE SECURITY  
FIELD FRANCE HAS CERTAIN PROBLEMS WITH MBFR AND THE MATTER  
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OF BURDEN SHARING. THE OTHER EUROPEANS ARE INCREASINGLY IR-  
RITATED WITH THE FRENCH GETTING A FREE RIDE IN DEFENSE AND THEY  
ALL FACE BUDGETARY PROBLEMS. THIS ASPECT OF A UNITED STATES/  
EUROPEAN DECLARATION MAY WELL BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT ALTHOUGH  
THE 8 (MINUS IRELAND) ARE ALREADY COMMITTED TO THE CONCEPT OF  
A DECLARATION DURING A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT.

7. THE LEVEL OF A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT WAS LEFT

VAGUE AT FOREIGN MINISTER MORO'S SPECIFIC REQUEST ACCORDING TO DUCCI. MORO IS A GREAT BELIEVER IN FLEXIBILITY AND DOES NOT WISH TO FORECLOSE ANY EVENTUAL POSSIBILITIES.

8. COMMENT: AS MORO PROMISED THE AMBASSADOR IN EARLY AUGUST THE ITALIANS HAVE WORKED ACTIVELY TO TRY TO BRING ABOUT A POSITIVE RESPONSE TO THE KISSINGER INITIATIVE WHICH WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE UNITED STATES. DUCCI HAS BEEN THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER DIRECTLY CONCERNED AND HE OBVIOUSLY HOPES FOR SUCCESS. WE HAVE THE DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT DUCCI WAS GIVING A FOREIGN MINISTRY POSITION IN MAKING A PLEA FOR UNDERSTANDING AND COMPROMISE ON THE PART OF THE UNITED STATES WITH THE IMPLICATION THAT IF WE PUSH THE EUROPEANS TOO FAR THE WHOLE FRAGILE STRUCTURE COULD COME APART. VOLPE

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